

cially verses 11-27, also Romans viii: 1-14, verses, and I Corinthians xii: 1-20 verses, notice the 9th verse in particular. John v: 13-16.

Dear brother: what kind of a weapon did the twelve Apostles use? Let us see: turn to St. Luke, ix: 1-6, St. Luke x: 8, 9, yes thanks be to God for v, and vi, chapters of Romans.

Well, Brother Brown, you call Divine Healing "long ago exploded humbug." I am sure that you are mistaken for what I have experienced myself I surely ought to know. Four years this spring I was annointed by Christians, and I think if you could know the spiritual blessing I received besides the wonderful blessing for my body it seems that you would change your mind. *Medicine?* yes, and *medicine* all the time year in and year out, this Doctor and the other, and since that I have not spent five cents on doctors or drug stores; but I have been able to give more to the Lord since that time, the tenth is his at any rate.

Oh, when I think how we ought to spend our money and our time, to do all things in the name of the Lord and for his glory, it makes me feel very little. Just where I want to be, to sit at Jesus feet and listen to his voice, and not care for the rattling and banging of the folly of the wordly pleasure. But I do want to live after the spirit for what we sow we shall reap. The mission of Jesus into the world was to bring peace to hearts, homes, and nations, and if we are his we ought to do the same. I would like to give a few references in the old Bible: please turn to Joel the ii, 15-27 verses, and Ezekiel xiii, Psalm cxxxviii. Yes, "the Lord will perfect that which concerneth me." *Praise his holy name.*

May love and joy and peace be to all the Brothers and Sisters, and may the God of love fill all of the ministers hearts, so full of his word, that there wont be room for any thing else. There are so many starving for the pure word of life. I desire the prayers of all the faithful ones, for I do want to learn more of Jesus and his word, and I want to be humble, and teachable in every good work that is required of me.
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THE BEATITUDE OF PERFECT FAITH.

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"Only believe." Mark v, 36.

"All things are possible to him that believeth." Mark ix, 23.

O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt." Matt. xiv, 31.

Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" Mark iv, 40.

O fools, and slow of heart to believe," Luke xxiv, 25.

"He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Matt. xiii, 58.

"With out faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. xi, 6."

"When the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke xviii, 8.

"By grace are ye saved through faith." Eph. ii, 8.

"He had faith to be healed." Acts xiv, 9.

"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." Rom. xiv, 23.

"One faith." Eph. iv, 5.

"The unity of the faith." Eph. iv, 13.

"Striving together for the faith of the Gospel." Philpp. i, 27.

"Faith which WORKETH by LOVE." Gal. v, 6.

The golden capsheaf on this stack of divine witness to the power of faith is found in Matt. xxi, 21, 22, and Mark xi, 23, 24.

In the face of all this some still doubt whether Christ is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever," and whether faith is now what it was in Apostolic times. Materialism has taken such mighty hold on the church, that people will sooner ascribe healing to electricity, magnetism, clairvoyance, or some other occult power of nature than to God by faith. Where one Christain believes in God as Jehovah Rophi, there are nine hundred and ninety-nine who do not. Rather than admit one unbelief, we will torture the most incontrovertible facts into delusions and shams. Miracles are as possible to-day as ever, and those who have the "faith of God" will experience them. See Revised Testament, Mark xi, 22. Those who have more faith in doctors and drugs than in God, should certainly avail themselves of the means which nature of-

fers. A "little flock" only can rise above the seen and sensuous.

We can make great boasts of spiritual achievements by faith, in the region where no one can test the reality of our claims. But when this same faith is to prove its genuineness in the sphere of the tangible, it is a rotten reed. When cancers that have eaten away the entire breast, and hemorrhage has reduced the patient to the very border of death and in less than twenty-four hours the sufferer is in the kitchen attending to household duties in fair health, there has been a power at work superior to electricity or magnetism. This means Acts iii, 16. When a wasted consumptive, who has been confined to bed for months, and pronounced past all hope by the most competent medical counsel, rises from his bed, with the glow of health on his cheek, and goes out and hoes potatoes, it is time for unbelief to shut its mouth.

When a man who has for nearly a score of years been twisted out of shape with rheumatism so that every joint in his body is dislocated, and in a few hours has every joint replaced, and walks as straight and as nimbly as if nothing had ever been wrong, how preposterous to refer to these stupendous phenomena to anything less than the direct operation of Almighty power.

If we were more holy, more loving, more cross-courting, more absolutely given to Christ without a shadow of reservation, we would see the fulfillment of John xiv, 12. The best of us have never dreamed of the resources at the command of faith in him in whom dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. Col. ii, 9. IN HIM WE ARE COMPLETE, verse 10. This same Jesus dwells in our hearts by faith as really as the Father dwells in him. Eph. iii, 17, John xvii, 23. These are the facts which give reality and dignity and power to Christainty.

"BE OF GOOD CHEER; IT IS I: BE NOT AFRAID."

I glory in Paul's foolishness. 2 Cor. xi, 21. And in Peter's 1 Peter iv, 14. And in Christ's all-world and all-world "craze" Mark xvi, 15-18.

Paul's confidence is ours. 2 Tim. i, 12. "In my name" means as much to-